

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: video_0004732

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 2000108.056

Medium: Video File

Maker: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: The District Court at Auckland

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 22 April 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: No notice of decision has been issued

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	video_0004732	0:17
Total running time:		0:17

Summary of reasons for decision:

The video file explicitly depicts a girl engaged in solo sexual activity. It is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes. The video can only be for the purpose of sexually arousing those with a prurient interest in young persons. It presents young people as sexually active and aware, and as appropriate subjects for adult sexual fantasy and desire. It has the effect of encouraging and legitimising such an interest. As a video file it can be shared widely among like-minded individuals, further exploiting the girl involved. The video may also be used for the purpose of grooming other young persons for sexual exploitation. This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as affirmed by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, however it is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that

promote and support the sexual exploitation of children and young persons are deemed objectionable. The classification also reflects the concern of New Zealand society to protect its young and vulnerable members from exploitation.